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SUBJ: 29TH GA--THIRD COMMITTEE, ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF
RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE

REF: A. USUN 4949; B. USUN 4936

1. IN INTRODUCING L.2131, WORKING PAPER ON DRAFT DECLARATION ON
ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE,
NETHERLANDS REP, SPEEKENBRINK, ASKED FOR A DEBATE ON DRAFT
OF A TEXT "THAT MIGHT SERVE AS BASIS FOR COMMISSION ON HUMAN
RIGHTS TO FINALLY DRAW UP DRAFT DECLARATION ON ELIMINATION
OF ALL FORMS OF INTOLERANCE AND DISCRIMINATION BASED ON
RELIGION OR BELIEF." HE THEN EXPRESSED HOPE THAT TEXT COULD
BE SUBMITTED THROUGH ECOSOC TO 30TH SESSION OF GA FOR FORMAL
APPROVAL.

2. SPEEKENBRINK EXPLAINED TO US DEL THAT AFTER CANVASSING
THIRD COMITE HE ARRIVED AT CONCLUSION THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE
TO FOLLOW HIS ORIGINAL PLAN OF SEEKING TO ESTABLISH WORKING
GROUP AND TO HAVE COMITE ADOPT SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF HIS
WORKING PAPER BY VOTE.

3. IN KEEPING WITH THIS STRATEGY, US STATEMENT ON NOV 19 (COPIES
POUCHED HEWITT, IO/UNP) INDICATED GENERAL SUPPORT OF DUTCH DRAFT
AS WORKING PAPER AND SPECIFIED CERTAIN CONDITIONS WORKED OUT
WITH SPEEKENBRINK THAT SHOULD GOVERN REFERRAL OF DRAFT TO
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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC). THESE WERE PUT IN CONTEXT

OF SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS TO BULGARIAN/BYELORUSSIAN DRAFT
RES L. 2130 AS FOLLOWS:

A. COMITE SHOULD INSTRUCT HRC TO USE NETHERLANDS/SWEDISH
DRAFT AS BASIS FOR ITS CONSIDERATION OF THIS SUBJECT;

B. RES SHOULD CONTAIN SOME INDICATION OF DISAPPOINTMENT THAT
HRC HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO MAKE GREATER PROGRESS AT ITS LAST
SESSION AND SHOULD INSTRUCT HRC TO GIVE ITEM HIGHEST PRIORITY;

C. HRC SHOULD REPORT BACK TO THE 30TH GA THROUGH THE ECOSOC
ON PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN CARRYING OUT ITS MANDATE. OMISSION FROM
BYELORUSSIAN/BULGARIAN RES OF ANY TIME LIMIT APPEARED TO BE
PRESCRIPTION FOR INDEFINITE DELAY.

4. SPEEKENBRINK AND SWEDISH REP HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING
WITH BULGARIANS FOR REPETITION OF LAST YEAR'S RES 3069 WHICH
MERELY REFERRED MATTER TO HRC, INVITED GOVERNMENTS TO
SUBMIT FURTHER COMMENTS, REQUESTED SYG TO TRANSMIT DOCUMENTATION
FROM 28TH GA TO HRC AND DECIDED TO INCLUDE ITEM ON AGENDA
OF 29TH GA. AS OF LAST NIGHT, NOV 19, BULGARIANS WERE
REFUSING THIS COMPROMISE.

5. ACCORDINGLY, SPEEKENBRINK NOW PREPARING AMENDMENTS TO
L.2130 WHICH ARE ESSENTIALLY SAME AS THOSE SUGGESTED IN OUR
STATEMENT AS LISTED ABOVE, EXCEPT THAT SPEEKENBRINK DOES NOT
WISH TO REFER TO INTERIM PROGRESS REPORT. RATHER,
HE WILL USE LANGUAGE OF RES 3069 REQUESTING HRC "TO
SUBMIT, IF POSSIBLE, A SINGLE DRAFT DECLARATION TO THE
ASSEMBLY"

6. IN EVENT THAT THESE AMENDMENTS FAIL IN THIS AFTERNOON'S
DEBATE, SPEEKENBRINK INTENDS TO ABSTAIN OR VOTE AGAINST
UNAMENDED RES. US DEL WILL DO LIKEWISE DEPENDING UPON
OUTCOME OF DEBATE AND POSITION TAKEN BY OTHER INTERESTED
COUNTRIES.
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